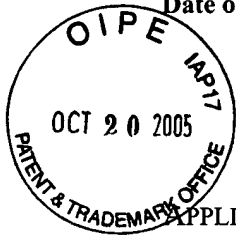


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.99 allowing for the submission of prior art in the file of a published patent application, the undersigned hereby submits the following references for consideration during the examination of the above-identified patent application:

- (i) U.S. Patent No. 6,596,744;
- (ii) U.S. Patent No. 6,770,663; and
- (iii) U.S. Published Application No. 2002-0022622 A1.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, before reaching a determination on the patentability of any claims of the subject application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.99(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.248, a copy of this paper and enclosures has been sent by Express Mail today to the attorney of record in the subject application at the following address:

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